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## BCT overhaul



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Bayonet training may soon be eliminated from Basic Combat Training, said Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training, during a visit to Fort Jackson last week.

### *Changes coming to Basic Combat Training*

By STEVE REEVES  
Fort Jackson Leader

Basic Combat Training is getting ready for some major changes to reflect the modern battlefield, said Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training.

Hertling, who is responsible for managing the training of Soldiers from the day they enter the Army until they report to their first duty assignments, made his remarks last week during a visit to Fort Jackson, the largest of the Army's five basic training centers.

"We really took a look at the relevancy of

“ The great majority of our Soldiers come into training having never had a fistfight. ”

— Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling

what we're doing," Hertling said. "We're teaching Soldiers too much stuff."

One of the changes Hertling wants to implement is the elimination of bayonet drills, a longtime staple of BCT.

Hertling also wants Soldiers to focus less on traditional combatives moves such as grappling and, focus instead on fighting with their hands and knives or other objects.

He said Soldiers need to learn how to fight with their hands to make their combat skills more suited to existing battlefield conditions.

"The great majority of our Soldiers come into training having never had a fistfight," Hertling said.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have made it necessary to revamp how many Soldier tasks, such as first aid and marksmanship, are taught, Hertling said.

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COMMANDERS' CORNER

# Census benefits military communities


The U.S. Census is just getting under way and I was surprised by a recent poll that showed that one in five people indicated that he or she may not participate because of a lack of interest.

The poll, which was released by the reputable Pew Research Center, showed that 90 percent of those surveyed called the population count “very important” or “somewhat important,” yet 12 percent of U.S. residents said they were not sure if they would take part. An additional 6 percent said they were unlikely to fill out the form or they would definitely not fill it out.

Although it’s encouraging to see that the vast majority of Americans view the census positively, it is disappointing to see such a high percentage of people who have their doubts. It is especially important for Army family members and military members, in general — to do our part in making sure that we have an accurate footprint of where our country is in 2010 and a snapshot of our population.

Regarding the process, people are mailed census forms. People who do not return the forms that they re-

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ceived in the mail will receive further notifications by the Census Bureau in the mail. If those folks still fail to turn in the forms, they can expect to receive a knock on their doors.

Participation in the census is required by law. Although mandatory, it’s important to understand its benefits. It is used to determine how many representatives each state will have in Congress. Consider that there is roughly \$400 billion a year in federal funds and increased or decreased congressional representation at stake.

But let’s think about funding distribution for a minute and the fact that thousands of Army families have moved since 2000 because of base realignments and closures. The greater the concentration of families around a post or installation that has experienced growth, the larger the support system must be to accommodate those numbers.

If an area has seen significant growth, it will be probably need larger or more hospitals, and expanded and improved infrastructure, additional housing, more educational resources — and the list goes on.

Military members who are stateside receive forms in the mail just like everyone else does. Those military members and family members who are overseas will not receive a form. The Defense Manpower Data Center will provide records to the Census Bureau for those OCONUS, based on home of record.

The census is easy to complete. You will only have to answer 10 questions. By doing that, you will create a better future for you and those people who are important to you.

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## Ask the garrison commander about: New child development centers

*I have noticed some buildings going up in the area just beyond the Youth Services Center. What are those buildings?*

The two facilities that are under construction in the area beyond the Youth Services Center are new child development centers that are being built on Fort Jackson as a result of the Army Family Covenant. These new facilities are designed to provide services for children from infant to school age and will allow for expansion of our current programs.

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The combined capacity of the two facilities is 295 spaces. Of the 295 spaces, 185 spaces will be used for children in kindergarten through fifth grade and the remaining spaces will be used for infant through preschool care. Child, Youth and School Services staff are working now to determine the best use of these facilities and our current facilities to meet the growing demand for child care. More information regarding the use of the facilities will be available in the spring. The projected completion date for the facilities is July.

*Who is responsible for determining if a Soldier is AWOL?*

*What is the Distinguished Service Medal?*

The Distinguished Service Medal was established by Congress July 9, 1928. The DSM is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. Army, has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility.

The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is clearly exceptional. Exceptional performance of normal duty will not alone justify an award of this decoration.

### FACT OF THE WEEK

Fort Jackson Child, Youth and School Services is currently filling spaces for children 2 and older in our child development homes with additional spaces coming available in February. Those who are on the waiting list and have not yet received a call, should contact the Central Registration Office at 751-4865/4824.

*To submit questions for “Ask the Garrison Commander,” call 751-2842, or e-mail scott.nahrwold@us.army.mil.*

# Company commander dies in car crash

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
Fort Jackson Leader

The Fort Jackson community will pay tribute to one of its Soldiers in a memorial service 9 a.m. today at the Post Theater. Capt. Tony Brannon, commander of Company E, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, was killed Saturday night in a car accident.

According to the South Carolina Highway Patrol, the one-car accident occurred at the intersection of Clemson and Percival roads. Brannon died at the scene.

Brannon, 38, was a native of Jamestown, Tenn. and enlisted in the Army in 1991 as a medic. As a sergeant first class, he attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Signal Corps in 2005.

He was assigned to Fort Jackson in 2007 and became a company commander last June.

"Capt. Tony Brannon was an outstanding company commander who served in the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry

Regiment for the past two and half years," said Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez, 3-34th battalion commander. "He rose from the enlisted ranks to become a commissioned officer assigned to the Signal branch."

Aside from being a good Soldier, Brannon would be remembered as a family man and sports enthusiast, Hernandez said.

"Tony loved three things in life; his family, his Soldiers and sports," Hernandez said. "He served as a youth coach and team captain for numerous military sports teams. He will be missed by all those who served with him in peace time and combat."

Capt. Brett Lea, 3-34th operations officer, said that Brannon's impact was felt throughout the community.



**BRANNON**

"I worked with Tony for the past two years and I will really miss him," Lea said. "He was full of life and really gave of himself. He was committed to his family and the community. The measure of a man can be seen by the number of lives that he touched. By that measure, he was a great man who will be truly missed."

Capt. Nichole Propes, deputy director of training with the Directorate of Basic Combat Training, was Brannon's company commander during his first assignment on Fort Jackson as executive officer with Company A, 3-34th.

"Capt. Brannon was passionate about everything he did — family, Soldiers, work, friends and sports," Propes said. "He worked hard to accomplish tasks assigned to him. Tony was a no-nonsense officer who was always looking for solutions to problems. (His death is) a great loss to his family as well as the U.S. Army."

Brannon is survived by his wife, Jessica, his five children and his parents, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Johnny Brannon and Mary Brannon of Jamestown, Tenn.

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## Civilian leaves legacy of dedication, compassion

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**  
Fort Jackson Leader

To his co-workers at the Network Enterprise Center (then the Directorate of Information Management), Donald Martin was known as a hardcore Tennessee Volunteers fan. His car was easily recognizable — it sported a Tennessee vanity plate on the front — and he routinely wore his school's color, orange.

Saturday, Martin's family and friends will pay homage to his passion — and to him — by wearing his trademark orange during a 1 p.m. memorial ceremony at Kornegay & Moseley Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

The former Army major and DA civilian died Jan. 30 after a lengthy illness.

Martin, a native of Fort Benning, Ga., enlisted in the Army in 1972 and attained the rank of staff sergeant. He then attended the University of Tennessee, where he re-

ceived his commission as a second lieutenant. He retired after 24 years of service and worked for the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services for five years.

Martin then moved on to Fort Jackson, where he worked six years at DOIM. He attained the position of information assurance manager before leaving the position to work as a contractor on post.

What co-workers remember most about Martin, besides his love for sports, was his dedication to his job.

"He worked hard, he put in his 12-hour



**MARTIN**

days, sometimes 13," said Rene Muniz, chief of the Information Assurance Division.

Muniz said when he first came to DOIM in 2007, Martin was stepping into his new role as information assurance manager, a position that put him in charge of managing all aspects of the installation's network security program. He was also responsible for developing and managing command IA policy and guidance.

"He was basically the leader in protecting the entire Fort Jackson network," Muniz said. "He was the go-to person."

Jesus RosaVelez, NEC director, agreed.

"We're going to miss Don for his professionalism, absolute dedication and spot-on counsel. He led the charge for the security of the Fort Jackson information technology infrastructure and, as a result of his ingenuity, the installation today is postured to support the Army's network goal of protect and defend," RosaVelez said. "He was definitely a catalyst — he ensured that we were in the

right direction where cyber security is concerned."

Martin will also be remembered by his co-workers as a sociable person.

"He was a good co-worker, and at one time, he was my boss," said Harold Ruth, who worked with Martin for six years at DOIM. "He was a great, great person. He was always looking out for everybody; he was always good to everybody."

Muniz said, "He was just a very good guy who left too soon."

Martin is survived by his wife, Erin Darlene, a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Those attending the memorial service are asked to wear bright colors, specifically, orange.

Donations are being accepted in lieu of flowers and may be made to: The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, 600 College Street, Oxford, NC, 27565.

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## Retiring from service

Five Fort Jackson Soldiers were honored for their service at a Retirement Review Jan. 27 at the Solomon Center. From left, Sgt. 1st Class James Saunders, Sgt. 1st Class Donald Nicholson, Master Sgt. Keith Dyer, Col. Clarence Hilton and Master Sgt. James Bolton.

*Photo by KRIS GONZALEZ*



# Program educates civilian leaders

By **KRIS GONZALEZ**  
*Fort Jackson Leader*

While U.S. armed forces continue to fight wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and help maintain peace around the globe, the nation's military civilian workforce is also growing rapidly.

The Department of the Army in particular, has become the largest employer in the federal workforce, employing about 300,000 civilians, to work alongside more than 1 million active duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

In response to the increasing number of leadership roles civilians have assumed in support of current operations, the Army has in recent years begun to shift some of its focus from primarily teaching leadership skills to Soldiers, to providing adequate leadership training to civilian personnel also.

In December, the Army released changes to its training and leadership regulation, AR 350-1, clarifying mandatory leadership training for Army civilians in supervisory and managerial positions, and making recommendations for other civilian employees to participate in the training as well.

Sean O'Brian, Fort Jackson's safety director, said he encouraged his staff to participate in the Civilian Education System leadership development program long before the regulation was updated.

"I believe in training and education," O'Brian said. "Continuing education not only allows us to develop enhanced knowledge, skills and abilities for professional development, but it also improves our ability to better support our customers across the Fort Jackson community."

Through the sequential series of courses in the CES program, O'Brian said his employees not only get the opportunity to hone their leadership skills, but they also gain a



*Leader file photo*

**Vernell Sample checks a child safety seat during as part of her job as safety specialist. Sample said she attends civilian education classes to enhance her leadership skills.**

better understanding of the Army's constant transformation and how to operate more efficiently as members of the Fort Jackson staff.

"The courses teach us how different parts of the Army all fit together," O'Brian said. "We learn how things on both (Army and civilian) sides link together. It helps us do a better job supporting our customers and the command."

Vernell Sample, safety specialist, said the CES courses encouraged her to evaluate and improve her own leadership style.

"The courses helped me identify what type of leader I have been, and what type of leader I want to become in the future," Sample said.

Because Sample had 10 years of prior

service as an Army medic, she applied for and received equivalency credit, which allowed her to bypass the first course in the CES series, a distributed learning class designed to orient new employees to the Army. This course is required for all Army interns, team leaders, supervisors and managers hired after Sept. 30, 2006.

Sample immediately moved on to the distributed learning portion of the basic course in April 2009. Six months later, she flew to the Fort Leavenworth campus of the Army Management Staff College for the resident segment of the course. There, she and other direct-level supervisors participated in small group exercises and learned leadership and management techniques to accomplish individual as well as organizational goals.

"The course helped me work on my interpersonal skills," Sample said. "I was forced to fully engage with people. I learned how to better cope with different personalities and how to adapt to different situations similar to what I may face in my job."

According to the updated AR 350-1, all Army civilian supervisors and managers are required to complete the basic course during their first year in a supervisory position. They are required to complete the intermediate and advanced courses before the completion of two years in a supervisory position.

Sample said she is eager to begin working on the distributed learning portion of the intermediate course. She said she expects to travel to the Fort Belvoir campus in July to begin the three weeks of resident instruction, where she will not only learn to lead people, but also how to develop efficient organizational plans, manage resources, implement change and increase effective communication skills.

Because Sample is a permanent federal employee, and the CES is centrally funded, the Army will pay all the expenses for each course she takes.

In 2012, O'Brian will return to Fort Belvoir to partake in the Continuing Education for Senior Leaders program, in which he and Army Civilians, GS-14 and 15 or equivalent, and Soldiers in the ranks of lieutenant colonel, sergeant major, chief warrant officer 4 and above, will get together for a week to get updates regarding Army programs, and discuss issues and challenges facing Army leaders.

"There's always room for improvement," he said. "The day we stop learning is the day it is time to move on to something else."

For more information, visit <http://www.amscl.belvoir.army.mil/ces/>.

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### DoD Codes of Conduct

#### DRESS AND APPEARANCE

Employees are expected to comply with reasonable dress and grooming standards based on comfort, productivity, health, safety, and type of position occupied.

When clothing such as coats and ties create discomfort during hot weather and in places where cooling is minimized to conserve energy, the requirements should be modified or eliminated.

Any management requirement for specific civilian dress and appearance must be based on a clear showing that the prohibited dress contributes to an unsafe, unhealthy, nonpro-

ductive, or disruptive work environment.

Management disagreements with styles, modes of dress, and grooming now in fashion is not an adequate criterion for making such a determination.

Employees who wear standard uniforms (guards, firefighters, etc.) may be expected to comply with grooming and appearance standards that are more stringent than those required of other employees.

These standards must be in line with job requirements and with like standards for employees in similar occupations employed by other federal, state, or municipal governments.

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# Casey addresses worldwide challenges

By J.D. LEIPOLD  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. said as the Army looks to the future, his two key concerns are weapons of mass destruction in the hands of terrorists and countries that won't deny safe havens to those terrorists.

Casey reiterated last week what he said during a 2007 visit to the Brookings Institution, during a return visit to one of the country's oldest think tanks to give an assessment of the present and future of the Army, adding that Iraq and Afghanistan were foreshadows to the future nature of conflict.

"We are in for a decade or so of what I call persistent conflict, a period of protracted confrontation among state, non-state and individual actors who are increasingly willing to use violence to accomplish their political and ideological objectives," he said. "That's what I said back in 2007, and that's what I still believe today."

He said the Army had been taking hard looks at what it thinks the character of war is going to be in the second decade of the 21st century. Casey cited a study of the conflict in southern Lebanon in 2006 where a non-state actor, Hezbollah, had the instruments of state power because it was supported by Iran and Syria which were able to provide the group with surface-to-air, anti-tank and cruise missiles.

"They had secure cell phones, used secure computers for command and control and got their message out on local televi-



Photo by J.D. LEIPOLD, Army News Service

**Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey discusses the state of the Army with Michael O'Hanlon, senior fellow and director of research, foreign policy at the Brookings Institution in Washington last week.**

sion, and about 3,000 Hezbollah operatives basically held off 30,000 well-armed, well-equipped Israeli soldiers," Casey said. "That's a much more complex struggle even than what we're doing in Iraq and Afghanistan, so we're continuing to refine our thoughts on that."

"This is a long-term ideological struggle and it's not one that we can walk away from," he said. "As we look at the trends that we see in the international environment, it seems to us that those trends are more likely

to exacerbate."

Casey also said he had four imperatives he felt the Army needed to do to hold the force together and to bring it into a position of balance by 2011.

First, is to sustain Soldiers and families with a particular focus on mid-level officers and noncommissioned officers which he said take 10 years to grow.

The second is to continue preparing and equipping Soldiers for the current conflict — something he felt the Army had made

great strides in since the early years in Iraq when it took an excessive amount of time to get up-armored Humvees into the country. He said delivery of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles into Afghanistan took about nine months, so "we're getting better at that."

As his third priority, Casey is concentrating on expanding the reset period for Soldiers and equipment. He said 12 months of dwell time aren't enough for Soldiers or equipment to recover fully. He said the Army recently had completed a study to that effect.

"For the first time, we have scientific data that showed that after a 12-month combat deployment, it takes 24 to 36 months actually to recover stress levels to what they called 'normal garrison' stress levels," Casey said.

He said the one-year-out, one-year-back deployment/dwell scenario was not sustainable and that the Army would continue to work toward a one-year-out, two-year-back cycle for the active force and a one-year-out to four-year-back cycle for the National Guard and Reserve. The long-term objective would be one year out, three years back for the active Army; one year out and five years back for the Guard and Reserve.

"Lastly, we have to continue to transform. You don't stay at war for as long as we've been at war without figuring out better and smarter ways to do things," he said. "I can actually see the completion of the objectives we set for ourselves to get back in balance."

## Gates appoints panel to study DADT policy

By JOHN J. KRUZEL  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates this week established a Defense Department panel to prepare the military for the potential elimination of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that bans openly gay people from serving in the armed forces.

The working group is tasked to assess the relevant issues within a year in an effort to prime the department to adapt to any changes Congress makes to the 17-year-old law underpinning the controversial personnel policy — a legislative move supported by Gates, President Barack Obama and the nation's top military officer.

"I fully support the president's decision," Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "The question before us is not whether the military prepares to make this change, but how we best prepare for it."

Noting the political climate in which the policy debate is playing out, Gates said a guiding principle of the department's effort will be to minimize disruption and polarization within a military engaged in two wars.

The working group, to be headed by Jeh Johnson, the Pen-

tagon's top lawyer, and Army Gen. Carter Ham, the commander of U.S. Army Europe, will immediately begin reviewing the issues associated with implementing a repeal to "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

"The mandate of this working group is to thoroughly, objectively and methodically examine all aspects of this question, and produce its finding and recommendations in the form of an implementation plan by the end of this calendar year," Gates told lawmakers.

Appearing alongside Gates was Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who echoed the secretary's endorsement of repealing the policy.

"Speaking for myself and myself only, it is my personal belief that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would be the right thing to do," Mullen said. "No matter how I look at this issue, I cannot escape being troubled by the fact that we have in place a policy which forces young men and women to lie about who they are in order to defend their fellow citizens."

The chairman said "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" is an issue that strikes at the integrity of the U.S. armed forces as an institution and that of individual service members, who Mullen believes would accommodate a change to the policy, praising

troops' adaptability. But he also acknowledged the likelihood that repealing the law would lead to a disruption in the forces.

"We would all like to have a better handle on these types of concerns, and this is what our review will offer," Mullen told the Congressional panel.

The hearing on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" comes after Obama announced in his recent State of the Union address his desire to end the policy.

"This year, I will work with Congress and our military to finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love because of who they are," Obama said. "It's the right thing to do."

As the group undertakes the yearlong review and assessment, Gates said the department also will take measures to implement the current "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy more fairly.

"The Department of Defense understands that this is a very difficult, and in the minds of some, controversial policy question," Gates told lawmakers. "I am determined that we in the department carry out this process professionally, thoroughly, dispassionately, and in a manner that is responsive to the direction of the president and to the needs of the Congress as you debate and consider this matter."



# BCT focus to change

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Hertling said there will be a renewed interest in Army values and wrapping Soldier training around those values. Also, BCT will focus on producing Soldiers at a consistent quality level with the same standards throughout the Army. The key to a consistent product is drill sergeant execution and warrior tasks/battle drills, he said.

Changes to physical training and fitness are already in progress, he said.

"I'm a believer that we need something relevant to the conditions on the battlefield," Hertling said. "It may not be a change to the PT test, it may be an addition to the PT test."

During his visit to Fort Jackson, Hertling spoke at the post theater during the quarterly Leadership and Training Guest Speaker Program about the challenges facing the Army.

Hertling said TRADOC Soldiers are a critical part of preparing the Army to continue fighting successfully.

"Training Soldiers is the least sexy, most important job in the Army," he said.

Hertling delivered a similar message when he addressed an audience of drill sergeant candidates the day before.



Photo by STEVE REEVES

**Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy commanding general for Initial Military Training, speaks to Brig. Gen. Bradley May as they leave the Post Theater after last week's Leadership and Training Guest Speaker Program.**

"What (Soldiers) become is what you help them become," he said. "That's what being a drill sergeant is all about. Those Soldiers are your credentials."

Hertling is assigned to the Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

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## Closing time

**Samantha Brown, sales associate, tallies up items for a customer at the Lee Road Shoppette during its last day of business Friday. The store, which opened in 1974, is making way for a new Popeye's restaurant scheduled to open this summer.**

Photo by  
SUSANNE KAPPLER

## Housing Happenings

### COMMUNITY UPDATES

❑ Balfour Beatty Communities offices have moved to the new community center at 520 Brown Ave. The phone number remains the same, 738-8275. The community center features a game/meeting room, cardio room, full kitchen, boundless playground, volleyball pit and soccer field. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

❑ Residents who refer a friend who moves to Fort

Jackson will receive \$300. Residents who refer a friend from off post will receive \$600.

❑ Complete a Balfour Beatty Communities comment card for a chance to win \$100.

❑ Neighborhood huddles are scheduled twice a month and representatives are on hand to provide residents with updates. The next meeting is Feb. 11, 10 a.m.

❑ Volunteers are needed to serve as mayors and vice mayors in the housing community. For more information, call Vickie Grier at 751-7567.

## News and notes

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH MARCH

A commemorative march for the Orangeburg Massacre is scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, starting at the Solomon Center. The march also will end at the Solomon Center and will be followed by a showing of "Separate but Equal."

Also this month is a Black History Month luncheon, which is scheduled for 11:15 a.m., Feb. 17 at the Solomon Center.

### NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Fort Jackson observance of the 2010 National Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for 7-8:30 a.m., Feb. 10, at the NCO Club. This year's theme will be "My Values, Your Values, Our Army Values." Call the Installation Chaplain's Office for tickets. 751-6318/3121.

### "COME SEE YOUR ARMY" TOURS

The next "Come See Your Army" tour is scheduled for Feb. 19. Community members are invited to learn about various aspects of Basic Combat Training.

Call 751-1474/5327 to reserve a spot.

### FREE COMIC BOOK AT AAFES

Captain America, and other superheroes, are coming to Fort Jackson in a new Marvel comic book that will be offered free at the Main PX. *The Promise* is the eighth free Marvel comic offered exclusively through AAFES. For more information, call 787-1950, ext. 100.

### FORT JACKSON TAX CENTER

The Fort Jackson Tax Center has not yet opened, but is expected to be open by mid-month. The center will remain open until April 24. The opening date and location will be announced within the next couple of weeks.



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**Feb. 6 — 6 p.m.**

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**Feb. 7 — 6 p.m.**

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# First lieutenant goes to Washington

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**  
Fort Jackson Leader

When 104 high school students from across the country descend on Washington this March to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program, one Fort Jackson Soldier will be there to welcome them.

First Lt. Latisha Ballance, executive officer of Company B, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, was selected to be a military mentor for the program. About 50 officers from all branches of service applied for the honor, and Ballance was one of five Army officers selected.

"I'm excited and I'm thankful to my chain of command for giving me the opportunity and seeing the potential in me," Ballance said.

Two high school juniors or seniors from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity participate in the annual program, which started in 1962. The students spend one week in Washington where they will meet with and hear addresses by senators, cabinet members and officials of the departments of State and Defense. Throughout the week, 17 military officers will serve as mentors for the students.

Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez, commander of the 3-34th, said he immediately thought about Ballance as a possible mentor when he found out about the program.

"First Lt. Ballance came to mind because she represents all that is right with the Army and military," Hernandez said. "She is an extremely intelligent, professional and committed officer. She has supported our

## *Soldier chosen as mentor for Senate Youth Program*



Photo by SUSANNE KAPPLER

**First Lt. Latisha Ballance, left, executive officer of Company B, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, talks to one of the company's drill sergeants, Staff Sgt. Starla Chavers Tuesday.**

battalion's Adopt-A-School program with Caughman Road Elementary and is fantastic with youth. She has all the requisite

skills to inform our nation's youth on the liberties guaranteed in our country through our Constitution, our political system and

about those sworn to defend its freedom."

Before joining the Army three years ago, Ballance worked as a teacher and later as a mental health counselor. She said that because of her background she was interested in applying for the program, but was surprised when she found out that she was selected.

"It was a board or committee that met together and looked over all of the applicants and from there they chose," she said. "I was excited, but I just was in shock — not that I doubted myself — but just who I was competing against — me, a lowly lieutenant competing against captains and majors."

She said she sees her participation in the program as a chance to convey to the students what exactly the military does and how the support of the civilian population resonates with service members.

"A lot of them aren't familiar with (the military) or do not have that exposure, so it's an opportunity to share my background with them," Ballance said. "I just want them to understand how we protect them and make it safe for them to live here in America, ... because of their support, we're able to do that. I just want to convey to them that we're thankful for their support as well."

Ballance said she hopes to leave a good impression of the military with the students and would welcome the opportunity to have some of the students visit Fort Jackson.

"It's one thing to tell them (about the military), but they if they have the opportunity to actually come see it, I think that would have an even more lasting impression on them," she said.

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# Saluting the cycle’s Basic Combat Training honorees

## DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



**Staff Sgt.  
Jacob Heinz**  
Company A  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF  
THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Megan Wingard

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Timothy Stringham

**HIGH BRM**  
Pfc. Stephen Moyer

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pfc. Trevin Wright



**Staff Sgt.  
Matthew Glover**  
Company B  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF  
THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Erik Bates

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. John Del Castillo

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Cody Labass

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pfc. Katie Lemus



**Staff Sgt.  
Artessa Campbell**  
Company C  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF  
THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Joshua Rosenthal

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Yezan Alserhan

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Richard Mendel Jr.

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Spc. James Hays Jr.



**Staff Sgt.  
Brad Morris**  
Company D  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF  
THE CYCLE**  
Pfc. Haden Busby

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Erik Holm

**HIGH BRM**  
Pfc. Maxwell Nguyen

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Spc. David Vance



**Sgt. 1st Class  
Robert Hall**  
Company E  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF  
THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Rory Ehle

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Diane Charlesworth

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Oscar Bugarin

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. Lavelle Royster



**Staff Sgt.  
Adan Lopez**  
Company F  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

**SOLDIER LEADER OF  
THE CYCLE**  
Pvt. Candasha Howell

**SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE**  
Spc. Tristin Ismay

**HIGH BRM**  
Pvt. Robert Judy

**HIGH APFT SCORE**  
Pvt. Amber Baker

## SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

**STAFF SUPPORT AWARD**  
Sgt. Cheryl Jasmin

**DFAC SUPPORT AWARD**  
Betty Darby

**FAMILY SUPPORT AWARD**  
Julie Morrison



# February Promotions

Name	Rank	Name	Rank	Name	Rank
DOWNES, Patrick M.	LTC	SANBORN, Marc J.	MAJ	LOVELESS Jr., Wyman E.	MSG
FLORENCE, Louis A.	LTC	SUGAI, Courtney M.	MAJ	ADAMS, Kyran V.	SFC
TAVELLA, Patrick A.	LTC	TAYLOR, Joshua A.	MAJ	CONRAD Jr., Carter H.	SFC
BROCKMANN, Heidi A.	MAJ	THOMPSON, Brandon S.	MAJ	COX, James M.	SFC
CLEMONS, John D.	MAJ	UTHLAUT, David A.	MAJ	LESTER, Corey J.	SFC
CORN, Mark R.	MAJ	WADE, Brian M.	MAJ	MADISON, Robert L.	SFC
DIETZ, Christian N.	MAJ	WATSONCONNELL, Andre D.	MAJ	MERCER Jr., Jerome	SFC
ESCOBAR, David E.	MAJ	ABREUQUIJANO, Ruben G.	1LT	MESA Jr., VICENTE C.	SFC
ESCOBAR, Jacqueline S.	MAJ	ADIGUN, Gbenga S.	1LT	MOODY, Jamila A.	SFC
EVANGELISTA, John W.	MAJ	AGOSTO, Daniel	1LT	MORTON, Benjamin H.	SFC
FULTON, David A.	MAJ	BOWERS, Mario J.	1LT	NEAL, William D.	SFC
GASPARD, Joshua M.	MAJ	BRESNAHAN, Jillian D.	1LT	PROCTOR, Christopher J.	SFC
GOLBY, James T.	MAJ	BROWN, Rolona D.	1LT	WIDEMAN, Jason B.	SFC
HART, James J.	MAJ	COLLIER, Eric G.	1LT	BOSCH, Timothy P.	SSG
HUNG, Benjamin W.	MAJ	COLON, Eduardo	1LT	JARVIS, Nathan A.	SSG
JOHNSON, Jesse R.	MAJ	GRIFFIN, Wilson L.	1LT	ALEDIA, Redentor	SGT
JOHNSON Jr., Perry L.	MAJ	LOWER, William L.	1LT	CHATMON, David L.	SGT
KAVANAUGH, James B.	MAJ	SMITH, Lawrence B.	1LT	COLE, Marcus T.	SGT
LEWIS, Nathan L.	MAJ	SOTO, Eric L.	1LT	HURD, Jessica M.	SGT
LOVELACE, Jeffrey B.	MAJ	SPEARMAN, Rayshun	1LT	JACKSON, Honitta	SGT
MCCAY, Kelly M.	MAJ	TART, Lucia	1LT	JONES, Teresa D.	SGT
MCCHRYSTAL, Robert S.	MAJ	THOMAS, Andre L.	1LT	MARSHALL, Judd B.	SGT
MCCLELLAN, Mark R.	MAJ	THOMPSON, Ernest R.	1LT	MAYORGAESPINOZA, Amilcar	SGT
MCKENNA, Laura K.	MAJ	VANKIRK, Robert W.	1LT	NORTHHOUSE, Aaron	SGT
MEADORS, Timothy P.	MAJ	WASHINGTON, Keith	1LT	PIERRE, Chryshan	SGT
MERRIGAN, Elizabeth S.	MAJ	WILLIAMS, Sean C.	1LT	PITA, Daniel M.	SGT
MILLER, Joshua T.	MAJ	CARLSSON, Charles T.	CW4	RODRIGUEZ, Antonio	SGT
MORROW, Sean M.	MAJ	SAMSON, Ricardo B.	CW3	THOMAS, Dontre S.	SGT
NEMO, John	MAJ	STEWART, Radiah J.	CW3	VICTOR, Vanessa	SGT
PARK, Jin W.	MAJ	HODGES, Shawn T.	MSG	WOYWOOD, Michael	SGT
PURCHASE, Kathryn T.	MAJ	LERCH, Buddy R.	MSG		



# HAPPENINGS

## Calendar

### *Tuesday*

#### **Mini job fair**

9 a.m. to noon, Strom Thurmond Building, Room 222

Open to military personnel and family members only.

#### **Town hall meeting**

5:30 p.m., Solomon Center

### *Thursday, Feb. 11*

#### **AER commander's referral class**

9-10:30 a.m., Education Center

This Army Emergency Relief class is open to any company commander or first sergeant who has not already attended. Call 751-5256 to register.

### *Monday, Feb. 15*

#### **I Am Strong concert**

3 p.m., Solomon Center

Featuring singer Leigh Jones.

### *Wednesday, Feb. 17*

#### **Black History Month luncheon**

11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m., Solomon Center  
James McLawhorn Jr., president of the Columbia Urban League, will serve as guest speaker. Contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, unit equal opportunity adviser or unit representative for ticket information.

### *Thursday, Feb. 18*

#### **The Rocks Inc.**

5:30 p.m., Post Conference Room  
RSVP by Feb. 16. Call 751-1898 for information.

### *Monday, Feb. 22*

#### **Finance seminar: Women and Money**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel  
Call 751-5256 to register.

### *Tuesday, Feb. 23*

#### **Finance seminar: Retirement planning and the Thrift Savings Plan**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel  
Call 751-5256 to register.

### *Wednesday, Feb. 24*

#### **Finance seminar: Credit and the new credit card rules**

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Post Chapel  
Call 751-5256 to register.

## Housing events

*All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.*

### *Tuesday*

#### **Neighborhood Huddle - canceled**

### *Thursday, Feb. 11*

#### **Neighborhood Huddle**

10 a.m.

Bring any questions or concerns.

### *Friday, Feb. 12*

#### **Day at the Spa**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Center  
RSVP. Limited to first 25 participants.

### *Monday, Feb. 15*

#### **Offices closed for President's Day**

### *Thursday, Feb. 18*

#### **Breakfast on the Go**

7:30 a.m.

Corner of Chesnut and Imboden streets

### *Tuesday, Feb. 23*

#### **Build and Grow**

3 p.m.

A chance for children to build a special project. RSVP. Limited to first 15 children.

## Announcements

### **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

Fort Jackson Cub Scout Pack 89 and Boy Scout Troop 89 will begin distributing food bags in on-post housing for their Scouting for Food food drive, 9 a.m., Saturday. Anyone who wants to donate should place nonperishable food items in the bag and leave it on his or her front porch by 9 a.m., Feb. 13. Food will be donated to a local food pantry. Call 348-5646 for information.

### **GARDEN PLOT RENEWAL**

Renewals for on-post garden plots are currently being accepted. Permits are valid for a 12-month period, beginning Feb. 1 and ending Jan. 31 of the following year. Garden plots are issued first to permanent party Soldiers and retired military. Any remaining plots are available to civilian personnel. Those who want to renew an existing lease must sign a new permit. Call 751-7126 or visit Building 2602, Room 113 for information.

### **ENGINEER BATTALION POSITIONS**

The 1st Battalion, 108th Engineer Regiment, McWhorter Reserve Center, is recruiting qualified engineering Soldiers, E-5 through E-7 and O-2 through O-4. Call 738-7462 or e-mail [Teresa.A.Spann@usar.army.mil](mailto:Teresa.A.Spann@usar.army.mil) for information.

### **CHAPEL DRUMMER SOUGHT**

The Daniel Circle Chapel Gospel service is taking bids for a drummer. Call 751-4478 for information.

### **RED CROSS RELOCATION**

The American Red Cross has relocated to 2464 Anderson St., Tower 4, third floor. The building is located behind the Shoppette on Marion Avenue. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **MAIL HANDLERS COURSE**

The Mail Handlers Course is scheduled for Wednesday at the Fort Jackson Education Center, Room B206. The Mail Orderly Course is scheduled from 8:30-

9:15 a.m. and the Mail Clerk Course is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Advance enrollment is necessary. Call 751-5335 for information.

### **MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship applications for the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available at <http://www.commissaries.com> or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Unmarried dependent children younger than 21 (or 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retirees are eligible. Applications are due Feb. 17. One scholarship per store will be awarded.

This year's essay topic: "You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?"

### **AAFES GIFT CARD GIVE-A-WAY**

From Friday through Thursday, AAFES customers can sign up for the chance to win one of 10 \$1,000 gift cards. Entry forms will be located at PX locations worldwide. Winners will be selected March 19.

### **TRIBUTE TO FREEDOM**

Operation Tribute to Freedom is an outreach program designed to work in conjunction with public affairs offices to honor Soldiers who have or are currently serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom through media, speaking and event opportunities. Call 751-5327 for information.

### **WEAPONS REGISTRATION OFFICE**

The Weapons Registration Office has moved to Room 226, Strom Thurmond Building. Office hours are: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 751-6929/5887/5856 for information.

### **DISNEY VACATIONS**

Through July 31, each active or retired member of the U.S. military may purchase up to six special four-day promotional tickets to the Shades of Green Resort for \$99 each. Visit [www.shadesofgreen.org](http://www.shadesofgreen.org) for more information.

### **LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## Off-post events

### **BOOK DISCUSSION/SIGNING**

South Carolina First Novel Prize winner Brian Ray, author of "Through the Pale Door," is scheduled for a book discussion and signing 6 p.m., Monday, at the Richland County Public Library Main Branch. Ray is visiting as part of the library's Southern Writers Series.

### **BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR**

A Court of Honor for Fort Jackson Boy Scouts, Troop 89, is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, at the south cabin (next to Victory Tower). There will be a pot luck. Call (850) 293-4716 or e-mail [Mectbone1@aol.com](mailto:Mectbone1@aol.com) by Friday to RSVP.

### **BLACK HISTORY PROGRAMS**

The Richland County Public Library is offering a variety of free events throughout the month of February. Events include:

☐ Let it Shine — stories from the Coretta Scott King collection, 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Children's Room, Main Branch.

☐ Blythewood High School Gospel Choir concert, 2 p.m., Saturday, Bostick Auditorium, Main Branch.

☐ An afternoon with Irmo High School Gospel Choir, 3 p.m., Sunday, Bostick Auditorium, Main Branch.

☐ A Salute to Robert Smalls (for adults): Historian Donald Sweeper re-enacts an interview with Robert Smalls, a former slave. 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, North Main Branch.

☐ Jazz on a Saturday Morning: Listen to jazz and hear stories about famous jazz musicians. 10:30 a.m., Feb. 13, Children's Room, Main Branch.

☐ Voices of Our People: Songs, poems and speeches by famous African Americans. 6:30 p.m., Feb. 15, North Main Branch.

### **VALENTINES FOR VETERANS**

An Aaron Tippin concert is scheduled for 6 p.m., Friday, at the Citadel's McAlister Field House, 171 Moultrie St., Charleston. Free tickets are available for veterans. Call 843-789-7095 or visit [www.Charleston.va.gov](http://www.Charleston.va.gov).

### **PALMETTO PAINTERS**

The Palmetto Painters are scheduled to meet at 10 a.m., Feb. 13, at Green Hill Baptist Church, 1734 Augusta Road, West Columbia. The program will cover Easter bunnies and Easter eggs in acrylics on a faux finish background. Call 781-2340 or visit [www.PalmettoPainters.com](http://www.PalmettoPainters.com).

### **MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Richland County Public Library Foundation has established the Ethel Bolden Minority Scholarship. The \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually from 2010 through 2013. Call 929-3424 or visit [www.myRCPL.com/foundation](http://www.myRCPL.com/foundation).



# AFC adds programs for children, students

The Army Family Covenant is in its third year and the commitment is enduring. The Army has made significant progress in improving family programs, health care, housing, child and youth services, recreation, education and employment opportunities in which Army families can prosper and realize their full potential.

## CHILD, YOUTH AND SCHOOL SERVICES

The Army is committed to ensuring excellence in child, youth, and school services.

— Ensured all garrison-level CYSS programs are certified by the Department of Defense (equivalent of state licensing requirements).

— Reduced the financial burden on Army families by eliminating CYSS registration fees and reducing program fees.

— Increased support to Warriors in Transition families by providing child care during medical appointments, reducing child care fees, and eliminating fees for children of Wounded Warriors to participate in four CYSS instructional classes and two individual sports.

— Funded 72 FY08 Child Development Center construction projects, programmed 29 additional Centers FY09-14, approved 18 new youth centers in FY08 and programmed seven additional youth centers FY09-14.

— Delivered community-based outreach services (including 60,000 Hero Packs) in 49 states and the District of Columbia to geographically dispersed children of deployed active, National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers through Operation: Military Kids.

— Adopted the DoD Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children in 20 states to date.

Addressed four categories — eligibility, enrollment, placement and graduation — the compact removes “barriers to educational success” imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of parents.

— Collaborated with more than 373 school districts to support military-connected students transferring to new school systems.

— Obtained National Accreditation of 103 eligible Child Development Centers and 96 eligible School Age Programs.

## FORT JACKSON CYSS INITIATIVES

— Free Saturday child care is available at three loca-

## Army Family Covenant

By THERESA O’HAGAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

tions based on the age/grade of the child for active duty Soldiers performing mission functions, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers during Battle Training Assembly, families qualifying for and using their respite care hours and families authorized and using Exceptional Family Member Program respite care hours.

— Saturday child care available at an hourly or daily rate for all Fort Jackson families.

— Active duty Soldiers performing mission functions and National Guard and Reserve Soldiers during Battle Training Assembly are eligible to enroll their middle school and high school youths in Saturday morning programs.

— Extended-hours care at the Scales Avenue Child Development Center (4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.); School Age Services Pro-

gram (4:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.) and Child Development Homes (4 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

— Planned construction of two new Child Development Centers.

— Supported Armed Forces Day and Army Birthday Celebration with games and activities for the children.

— Child care provided through Jumping Jacks at Andy’s Fitness Center.

— Fall Festival, Terror on Thomas Court

— Boys and Girls Club Art Exhibit

— Annual Sports Banquet

— Elves Workshop

— SKIES Early Bird Special discount for early registration

— Iimagemakers Photography Contest

— Family Fun Fair, Spring Jamboree, Junior Olympics, Easter Egg Hunts, Overnight College Trip, April Fool-ish Dog Show; Health Rocks, Sports, Poetry, Pool Party, FCC Picnic, Family Skate Night, Ident-a-kid — EDGE! and Hired! programs rolled out in July.

*Editor’s note: This article is part of a series on the changes the Army Family Covenant has initiated. Next week’s article will focus on education, careers and libraries; recreation, travel and BOSS.*



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## FMWR calendar

### THURSDAY

- Visit Century Lanes for food, fun and bowling.
- Magraders Pub and Club is open for lunch.
- Victory Bingo, 2-11 p.m.
- Sleepy story time, 6:30-7 p.m., post library. Come in your PJs and go home ready for bed.
- Hit the trail with the EDGE! Biking 101, 4-6 p.m., Youth Services Center.

### FRIDAY

- Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the Youth Services Center.
- Visit the Officers’ Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.
- Victory Bingo, starts at 2 p.m.
- Get Brown around the EDGE! with baking classes, 5-6:30 p.m. Open to 11-18 year olds. Free for middle school students and teens.
- Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at Magraders Club, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Magraders Club is located in the back of Magraders Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.

### SATURDAY

- Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the Youth Services Center.
- Victory Bingo, starts 4 p.m.
- Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Excalibur Room at the NCO Club. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
- Learn fly fishing, 1-3 p.m., Marion Street Station.

### SUNDAY

- Family day at the Youth Services Center, 2-6 p.m.
- Traditional brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m, Officers’ Club. Coat and tie are no longer required. T-shirts, running attire and flip flops are not permitted. Call 751-4906/782-8761 for reservations.
- Victory Bingo, starts 10 a.m.

### MONDAY

- The EDGE! Crazy love stuff, 3:30-5 p.m. at 5955D Parker Lane.

### TUESDAY

- Hit the trail with the EDGE! Biking 101, 4-6 p.m., Youth Services Center.
- The EDGE! Lights, camera, action. Learn how to create a storyboard, film, edit and make a real movie, 4-6 p.m. For ages 11-18. Free for middle school students and teens.

### WEDNESDAY

- Visit the Officers’ Club, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Mongolian BBQ buffet.
  - Get your party on at the NCO Club, 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 for military, \$7 for civilians.
  - The EDGE! Lights, camera, action. Learn how to create a storyboard, film, edit and make a real movie, 4-6 p.m. For ages 11-18. Free for middle school students and teens.
  - Let ‘Er Roll bowling, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3:30-5 p.m., Century Lanes Bowling Center. For ages 8-16. The cost for 8 to 10-year-olds is \$7.50 per class or \$60 for the month. Free for middle school students and teens.
  - Karaoke night with Tom Marable, Magruder’s Pub. Cost is \$3 for military, \$5 for civilians.
- For a complete calendar of FMWR events, visit [www.fortjacksonmwr.com](http://www.fortjacksonmwr.com).

# AFC offers deployment cycle support

<div>Mission level</div> <div>Services offered</div>	Families of deployed military and DoD civilians	Families of military and DoD civilians serving under the following orders: Temporary change of station; permanent change of station; unaccompanied tour; temporary duty status for 90-179 days	Rear detachment cadre (as identified on rear detachment personnel availability report)	Wounded warriors: Families of Army wounded warriors and warriors in transition and of severely disabled and fallen Soldiers (includes children of WTU caregivers who are non ID-card holders)	Fallen warriors
Free hourly care during mandatory deployment meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Free hourly care during FRG meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓	
16 hours of free respite care (per child per month) during eligibility period (30 days before through 60 days after deployment for families of deployed military or DoD civilians)	✓	✓		✓	✓
Five hours of free respite care (per child per month) during eligibility period			✓		
Fee reduction for hourly care (\$3.50 per hour reduced to \$2) used beyond the hours of free respite care monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Full day or part day 20 percent fee reduction	✓				
Up to two free CYS team or individual sports per child	✓			✓	✓
One free CYS team or individual sports per child		✓	✓		
Up to four free SKIES classes per child (not to exceed eight weeks per class)	✓			✓	✓
Up to two free SKIES classes per child (not to exceed eight weeks per class)		✓	✓		
Free hourly care for medical appointments as approved by the WTU commander or Army wounded warrior representative				✓	
Category 1 fees for regularly scheduled program (full day and part day) (for wounded warriors: as approved by the WTU commander or Army wounded warrior representative)				✓	✓
40 additional hours of free care per child for the immediate family of deceased during the period from notification to four weeks after the burial					✓



# HPV prevention reduces cancer risk

By **TIM COFFEY**

*Moncrief Army Community Hospital*

According to the American Cancer Society, each year in the United States more than 11,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer. That means that approximately 30 women each day will need to tell their families and loved ones that they have the disease.

Cervical cancer is the only cancer caused by a common virus — the human papillomavirus. Because HPV often has no signs or symptoms, many people do not know they have it. For most people, HPV clears on its own. However, for some women, cervical cancer can develop. In addition, there is no way to predict who will develop cervical cancer from the virus.

The good news is that there are important steps one can take to help protect herself. Talk to a provider about preventive steps such as receiving the HPV vaccination that can

prevent most cervical cancers. Regular Pap tests, which is a test that looks for abnormal cervical cells before they have a chance to become precancerous or cervical cancer, are also important. A person can also call and make an appointment with a health care provider to make sure that everything is being done to help protect herself against cervical cancer.

Some HPV facts:

❑ About 30 types of HPV affect the genital area, and four of those types that cause most HPV diseases in women. (Source: [www.hpv.com](http://www.hpv.com))

❑ An estimated eight out of 10 women will become infected with HPV in their lifetime and every day about 12,000 people ages 15 to 24 are infected with HPV. (Source: [www.hpv.com](http://www.hpv.com))

❑ Many women with cervical cancer were probably exposed to HPV in their teens and 20s. (Source: [www.hpv.com](http://www.hpv.com))

❑ Worldwide, cervical cancer is the second most com-

mon cancer affecting women. (Source: ACS Global Cancer Facts & Figures, 2007)

❑ HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection. At least 70 percent of sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives. (Source: <http://www.cervicalcancercampaign.org/hpvfacts/index.html>)

❑ 11 percent of U.S. women report that they do not have their Pap test screenings (Source: <http://www.nccconline.org/>)

❑ Between 60 percent and 80 percent of women with advanced cervical cancer have not had a pap test in the past five years. (Source: <http://www.cancer.org>)

❑ A woman who does not have her three shot prevention vaccine and her regular Pap test screen and HPV test when recommended significantly increases her chances of developing cervical cancer. (Source: <http://www.nccconline.org/>)

## TRICARE expanded services in 2009

*From TRICARE Management Activity*

The past year has been a busy one for TRICARE with the introduction of a new Web-based counseling program and major enhancements to several other TRICARE benefits.

Introduced Aug. 1, 2009, the TRICARE Assistance Program uses today's constantly evolving Web-based technologies to bring short-term professional counseling assistance closer to the people who often need it most: service members and veterans recently returned from overseas and their families who have persevered through the deployment.

TRIAP is available in the United States to active duty service members, those eligible for the Transition Assistance Management Program and members enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select. It is also available to their spouses, no matter their age, and other eligible family members 18 years or older.

Beneficiaries with a computer, Webcam and the associated software can speak with a licensed counselor over the Internet at any time of the day or night.

Eligible beneficiaries can get more information about TRIAP and other behavioral health resources by visiting [www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth](http://www.tricare.mil/mentalhealth).

### ECHO BENEFITS INCREASES

TRICARE has increased the amount it pays for certain Extended Care Health Option benefits. ECHO assists eligible family members of active duty sponsors who are diagnosed with moderate or severe mental

retardation, a serious physical disability, or an extraordinary physical or psychological condition.

The total TRICARE cost share for training, rehabilitation, special education, and assistive technology devices was increased to \$36,000 per fiscal year. This covers institutional care in private, nonprofit, public and state institutions and facilities and, if appropriate, transportation to and from such institutions and facilities. To learn more about ECHO, go to [www.tricare.mil/echo](http://www.tricare.mil/echo).

### PREVENTIVE CARE ENHANCED

Getting clinical preventive services can help prevent major health problems. In September, TRICARE waived all cost shares for Standard beneficiaries for colorectal cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer and prostate cancer screenings, immunizations and well-child visits for children younger than 6.

Also, for all beneficiaries older than 6, when a visit to a health care provider includes one or more of the benefits listed above, the cost share for the visit is waived. Other services provided during the same visit are subject to cost shares and deductibles.

### ACTIVE DUTY DENTAL PROGRAM

TRICARE also launched a new dental program for active duty service members. The Active Duty Dental Program is designed for service members assigned to locations with no access to a military dental facility, and those referred by their dental treatment facility to the civilian network for

specialty care or due to unavailability of timely DTF appointments.

For more information about this new dental program, go to [www.addp-ucci.com](http://www.addp-ucci.com).

### OTC MEDS WITHOUT COPAY

Due to positive feedback and cost savings, TRICARE's over-the-counter medication demonstration was continued. The demonstration allows TRICARE beneficiaries to substitute certain prescription drugs with over-the-counter versions for zero copay.

OTC medications are generally less expensive than their prescription versions, by as much as 400 percent in some cases.

To get the covered OTC allergy medications cetirizine and loratadine, and heartburn medications (proton-pump inhibitors) Prilosec OTC and its generic form omeprazole with no out-of-pocket costs, beneficiaries still need a prescription from their health care provider specifically for the OTC drug.

After submitting the prescription at any TRICARE retail network pharmacy or through the TRICARE mail-order pharmacy, the prescription for the OTC medication is filled at no cost.

For more information about the TRICARE Pharmacy Program, go to [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy).

After a busy year in 2009, TRICARE is looking forward to an equally productive 2010. Visit [www.tricare.mil/pressroom](http://www.tricare.mil/pressroom) for news throughout the year.

Receive benefit information direct from TRICARE via e-mail by signing up at [www.tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions).

## MACH updates

### NO-SHOWS / CANCELLATIONS

Every no-show appointment results in a loss of resources and prevents other patients from gaining access to medical care. To cancel an appointment after duty hours, call 751-2904. From 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., call 751-CARE (2273) to cancel an appointment.

### NUTRITION CLINIC

The following classes are scheduled for February:

- Diabetes class, today, 8 a.m. to noon
- Cholesterol and high blood pressure class, today, 2-3 p.m.; Feb. 11, 2-3 p.m.
- Army Move! Session 1, Monday, 2-3 p.m. and Feb. 17, 2-3 p.m.; Session 2, Wednesday, 2-3 p.m. and Feb. 18 2-3 p.m.

All classes take place in Room 8-85. To register, call 751-2115/2363.

### ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The MACH Orthopedic Clinic is currently scheduling only active-duty Soldiers for follow-up appointments. If you need assistance obtaining orthopedic care, call the referral center at 751-2363.

### MACH CLOSES ENROLLMENT

Because of a shortage of on-post primary care providers, active duty family members will no longer be able to enroll for services at MACH. Family members will have a choice of Primary Care Managers in the TRICARE Prime network in the civilian community.

### APPOINTMENTS ON TWITTER

MACH is announcing same-day appointments for primary care on Twitter. Sign up at [www.twitter.com/machcsd](http://www.twitter.com/machcsd).

### LEADER INFORMATION

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❑ For more information, call 751-7045.

❑ Follow us on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/Fort-JacksonPAO](http://www.Twitter.com/Fort-JacksonPAO). Become a Leader "fan" on Facebook by visiting <http://bit.ly/10gj2x>.

# FIRST RESPONDER

The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

**Col. Ronald F. Taylor**  
*Director,  
Emergency Services/Provost Marshal*  
**Sgt. Maj. Glen W. Wellman III**  
*Provost Sergeant Major*  
**Billy Forrester**  
*Fire Chief*



the influence of alcohol, MPs said.

❑ A Soldier was ticketed for a window tint violation, MPs said. Window tint is measured by the percentage of visible light allowed in through the combination of film and the window. The driver’s window tint was 14 percent, meaning that only about 14 percent of light can pass through the window, MPs said. South Carolina state law dictates that window tint must be no less than 27 percent, or must allow 27 percent of light.

## CASES OF THE WEEK

❑ Military Police and Fort Jackson Fire Department personnel responded to a report of a gas leak in the family housing area, MPs said. FJFD determined the smell was coming from a valve on the stove and did not pose a threat. The scene was cleared without incident, MPs said.

❑ A driver was ticketed for driving with an open container after gate security spotted him with a partially full bottle of alcohol, MPs said. After further investigation, MPs determined the driver was not driving under

**crimestoppers**  
**1-888-559-TIPS**  
[www.midlandscrimestoppers.com](http://www.midlandscrimestoppers.com)

## FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

### The Sixth Sign of Terrorism

#### # 6 Dry Run/Trial Run

Another sign to watch is for “dry runs.” Before the execution of the final operation or plan, a practice session will be run to work out the flaws and unanticipated problems. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping but it can also pertain to bombings. A dry run may be the heart of the planning stage of a terrorist act.

## LEADER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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❑ Send all submissions to [FJLeader@conus.army.mil](mailto:FJLeader@conus.army.mil).

❑ Fax classified ads to 432-6157 or mail to: *The Fort Jackson Leader*, P.O. Box 1137, Camden, S.C., 29020. Classified ads can also be e-mailed to: [skaress@ci-camden.com](mailto:skaress@ci-camden.com).

❑ For display advertising, call Kathy at 786-5681.



# Love may be more than a click away

By **CAPT. PATRICK BARRETT**  
Legal Assistance Office

Americans spent more than \$13 billion for Valentine's Day last year. That number will likely be matched, if not exceeded, this year.

But Feb. 14 is not the only day on which Americans spend money on their quest for love. Annually, Americans spend more than \$450 million on online dating services and personal advertisement Web sites. Before spending hard-earned dollars, users may want to consider some of the problems associated with these services.

The typical online dating service requires people to post a user "profile" (i.e., list of the person's gender, age, religion, likes/dislikes, etc.) and then allows that person to look for other user profiles using search criteria. The majority of services allow users to upload personal photos and look at photos of the other users. Some of the more technologically advanced services allow webcasts, online chat and message boards between registered users.

The most common complaint with online dating services has to do with the reliability of the information contained in users' profiles. Many people simply lie about themselves.

For example, women tend to lie about

things that they think would be attractive to men (e.g., weight, age, body type, etc.), and men tend to lie about things that they think would be attractive to women (e.g., income, height, etc.).

Users have tried to sue online dating services for false statements made by other users. These lawsuits have been unsuccessful, in large part due to the Communications Decency Act of 1996. Under the CDA, online dating services cannot be held liable for the false statements by their users.

The problems with online dating services are not limited to users' false statements in their profiles. Many of the problems with online dating services have to do with how users' profiles are managed.

For example, many services will keep profiles on their Web site for months or even years, giving users the impression that there are more available "matches" out there than there really are. Other services have been accused of "date bait" — sending fake e-mails (allegedly from a "match") to paying

customers to keep them from cancelling their accounts.

A class-action lawsuit was filed last year against one service alleging the company created numerous fake profiles of people to make their Web site more attractive.

Despite the claims that some online dating services are actively defrauding users, efforts to regulate the industry have been limited. In 2005, Congress enacted the Mail-Order Bride Business Act, which requires international marriage brokers to obtain criminal and other background information from all of their members and disclose the information on their Web site, translated into appropriate foreign languages.

While the act regulates online marriage brokers, it does nothing to regulate online dating. States have also been slow to regulate online dating services. Currently, only seven states have laws or have introduced legislation that regulates online dating serv-

ices: New York, California, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and Texas.

Another problem with online dating services is their billing practices. Many sites allow for "free" or low-priced trial memberships. Once the trial membership ends, the user is automatically charged monthly fees, despite whether they actually use the service. Many services will limit the user's access to other profiles until they sign up for a more expensive subscription.

Despite the problems associated with online dating services, many Americans have found them to be an effective way to socialize, but users of these services should be cautious.

When creating a profile, never give out personal contact information. If subscribing to a paid service, become familiar with all the terms of the contract before giving out a credit card number. If there is a desire to meet another user in person, make sure it is in a safe environment. And last, do not assume that someone met on the Internet is who they say they are, or that their messages are truthful. Maybe they love you, maybe they love you not.

If you have any questions about these services or any other legal issues, call the Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office at 751-4287 to set up an appointment with an attorney.



# Prayer breakfast features notable choir

By **CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) JERRY JOHNSON**  
*2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment*

The Fort Jackson Installation Chaplain’s Office will host the National Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m., Feb. 10, at the NCO Club. This year’s event is sponsored by the 165th Infantry Brigade. Chaplain (Col.) Samuel J. T. Boone will speak on the theme, “My values, your values, our Army values,” based on principles from Psalm 121. The featured musical group will be the Hammond School Select Ensemble.

The Hammond School Select Ensemble is the premier auditioned choral group of Hammond School in Columbia. Under the direction of Steven Hillard, this group of 48 singers has shared its gift of music to audiences both nationally and internationally.

Since its inception in 2003, the Select Ensemble has achieved several substantial accomplishments. In March

2003, the group was invited to be the featured choir in the performance of Randall Thompson’s “Frostiana” with the National Philharmonic Orchestra in Washington. Following this performance, the choir released its first CD in the summer of 2003. In February 2004, the Hammond School Select Ensemble had the privilege and honor to embark on its first international concert tour, “One World, One Voice.” This tour took these young singers through the musically and culturally rich country of Austria. While on tour, the singers delighted audiences with formal concerts in Salzburg and Innsbruck, as well as numerous “impromptu” performances throughout the country.

The members of the Select Ensemble strive to reflect the theme of global unity through music with its high standards of choral repertoire. The Select Ensemble’s primary focus is to share the gifts of choral music through hard work and dedication.

In 2006, the choir participated in a concert tour through

the “Heart of Italy,” where the choir performed for over 800 in Rome’s Church of the Gesu. During this tour, the choir was honored to sing as the primary choir for Vigil Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica.

The Hammond School Select Ensemble spent eight days singing throughout the Czech Republic during their 2008 New Year’s concert tour. Featured as choir-in-residence during high mass at St. Vitas Cathedral in Prague was just one of the many highlights this group encountered as it presented the program, “Carols of the World.”

In 2008, the Select Ensemble completed a nine-day concert tour through Germany, Austria and Italy in December and January. The group performed as Mass choir for Salzburg Cathedral in Austria, the Cathedral of San Marco in Venice and the first choir of 2009 to lead Mass at St. Peter’s Basilica in Vatican City. Before returning home, the choir gave a final performance for the city of Rome to a standing-room-only audience in the Church of the Gesu.



**PROTESTANT**

- Sunday
  - 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
  - 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
  - 9:30 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel) service at the Post Theater
  - 9:30 a.m. Solomon Center (Hispanic)
  - 9:40 a.m. Moncrief Army Community Hospital
  - 10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
  - 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
  - 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
- Wednesday
  - 6 p.m. Prayer Service Magruder Chapel

- Protestant Bible Study**
- Monday
    - 7 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (PWOC — Main Post Chapel, Class 209)

- Wednesday
  - 7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
  - 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week prayer/Bible study Magruder Chapel
  - 7 p.m. Gospel Congregation’s Youth (Magruder Chapel)
- Thursday
  - 9:30 a.m.-noon Women’s Bible Study (PWOC, Main Post Chapel)
  - 6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)
  - 7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
- Saturday
  - 8 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Main Post Chapel, (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

**PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL**

- Saturday
  - 11 a.m. Magruder Chapel (third Saturday)
- Sunday
  - 5 p.m. Main Post Chapel

**CATHOLIC**

- Monday-Thursday
  - 11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
- Sunday
  - 8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
  - 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)

- 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)
- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday
  - 7 p.m. Rosary
  - 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

**ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL**

- Sunday
  - 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

**ISLAMIC**

- Sunday
  - 8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies (Main Post Chapel)
- Friday
  - 12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumah Services (Main Post Chapel)

**JEWISH**

- Sunday
  - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
  - 10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**

- Sunday
  - 11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

**LATTER DAY SAINTS**

- Sunday
  - 9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel

**ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS**

- Daniel Circle Chapel**  
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**  
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**  
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**  
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**  
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**  
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**  
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th Rec. Bn. Chapel**  
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**  
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- Chaplain School**  
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050